

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4-5, 8, 21, 23-24 and 32-34 are pending in the application. Several claims have been amended to better define the claimed subject matter. Claims 25 and 35-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Indication of allowable subject matter of claims 32-34 which are not rejected under any provision of US patent law is believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

It is noted that the Amendment filed July 20, 2009 is objected to by the Examiner. In response, the specification has been amended as presented above. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-5, 8, 21 and 23-25 are rejected under *35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph*, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response, independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to find solid support in the original specification and drawings. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 35-40 are rejected under *35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph*, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have canceled claims 35-40 in this Amendment. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

It is noted that there is no art rejection of the pending claims in the Office Action November 09, 2009. Therefore, claims 1, 4-5, 8, 21, 23-24 and 32-34 should be allowable over the currently applied art of record.

Conclusion

Each of the Examiner's objections and rejections has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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